

COURIER.

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IV.
 the sand of this lone desert land,
 ever springs dance to my sight!
 rock from the fierce tempest
 of the long weary night!
 charms till the death's angel's arms
 rest from the gloom of the grave;
 rest with the loved and the blest,
 in home o'er the wave.

at India's wayward hand,
 which Cecilia's winning smile;
 Maud's complexion fair;
 dread is beating all the while;
 And yet
 sure he loves us best of all.

at Milly's fairy feet,
 their movements with a smile;
 need by many maidens sweet,
 dread fast beating all the while;
 And yet
 sure he loves me best of all.
 Takes my hand in both of his,
 me with his confiding smile,
 and fear are set at ease,
 heart is beating all the while;
 And—yes!
 sure he loves me best of all.

Relation Between Wit and

Humor.

inction between wit and be said to consist in this, racteristic of the latter is of the former art. Wit is to intellect, and humor to Humor is a higher, finer, enial thing than wit. It is a of the laughable with tenp-athy, and warm-hearted-

but wit, sweetened by a expression, becomes humorous. It is usually brief, sharp, epigrammatic and incisive, the fewer the words the better; but humor, consistent in the manner, is diffuse, and is not spared in it. Carlyle's essence of humor is sensitive, tender fellow-feeling with

of existence;" and adds, of humor, that "in Richter's a touching pathos may lie for tears." Wit may be as the distinctive feature of genius, and humor of the able to show how difficult it is to use distinctions out fairly, we at England has produced a of the greatest of wits, and

Fun includes all those occasions laughter which are found in the two former divisions. *It is the only thing that comes under the author of a comedy, is a wit, and a humorist, and the clown. Old jests were usually tricks, and sometimes we find that little is made between joyousness*

But, unfortunately, Mohammed plumed his own accord on the raised the argument against the brave Belshazzar's Feast common clay of battle, was the desperation of West, after the loss, was for

The world we live in prefers brilliancy, and a man like our present-day society would welcome as a pyrotechnist with a hail of squibs." This is only a of an old complaint, and its is proved when we find him said one hundred years a manuscript comedy, "In

Lady Houstone, who died
nd of the last century, one
aracters observes: "Wit is
out of fashion, people are
and talk upon a level; one
present find wit but in some
y." In spite of Mr. Lever
Houstone, we believe that
ociety is specially suited for
y of refined wit. Under such

satire is sure to flourish, for it takes the place of the sword, now it can slay an enemy as sure as steel. This notion owes its start to an error in mental perception which we bring the wit of one focus, fancying what was apart to have been close together, thus comparing things which proper elements of comparison

lacing as it were in opposition
 rather the accumulated broad
 storied tapestry of the past
 meeting moments of our day,
 e but its still accumulating
 Charles Lamb will not allow
 antiquity for wit, and apos-
 candle-light says, "This is
 liar and household planet;
 t, what savage, unsocial nights

ancestors have spent, winter-
aves, and unilluminated fast-
They must have laid about
bled at one another in the
hat repartee could have pass-
you must have felt about for
and handled a neighbor's cheek
are he understood it? Jokes
with candles."—*British Quar-*

Mac Barrow, in his famous sermon, "Foolish Talking and Jestings," gave a somewhat lengthy description of foolishness or wit, which was precisely by Mackintosh to be the proof of mastery over language given by an English writer. This definition, which is too diffuse and unbecomingly to be called a definition, is so

it will be new to many. He
Wit is a thing so versatile
multiform, appearing in so many
so many postures, so many
so variously apprehended by
eyes and judgments, that it
no less hard to settle a clear
plain notion thereof than to make
it of Proteus or to define the
of the fleeting air. Sometimes it

a pat allusion to a known story, the reasonable application of a trival

AN EXTRA SESSION.—Washington

special says: there is a growing

impression there will be an extra session

of Congress.

A Conservative Convention.

L. D. Hebbards, as "Chairman of

the Conservative Central Committee,"

has issued a call for a primary election

to choose a nominee for Mayor of Pa-

dunoh.

The Republican party has a candi-

date in the field, and our Paducah cor-

respondent suggests that the Demo-

cratic party should make a nomination

In this event there would certainly be

three candidates for municipal honors.

The Democratic party has a thorough

party organization in the State, and in

the nation, and the situation is alarm-

ing to "old timers" outside of Paducah,

for their brothers weak-kneed and faint-

hearted, forfeit their name or organi-

zation in that city.

Some friends in issuing such docu-

ments are considered enough to say

"Conservative Democrats," but the dis-

crepancy of a name and a life on the

connection by name with the Demo-

cratic party, we must conclude that

his intention to set up a new organiza-

tion is to be called Democrats? Is the

name so unpopular as to terrify its ad-

herents, and cause them to cringe from

popular condemnation under a new

and milder name? If so, defeat must

will be meted out to them. If so,

let them sever once and forever their

connection with a party whose name

they are ashamed to assume.

That there is disaffection and rest-

lessness in the Democratic ranks, we

are painfully aware; but that this dis-

affection is principally attributable to

continued and protracted defeats, and

not to questions of principle, we are

equally conscious. Are our friends so

vacillating as to be held together by a

mere change of name? Will our

cause ever inspire that confidence and

enthusiasm necessary to success, if its

advocates and leaders, dodge its very

name, as if it was the omen of some-

thing not to be acknowledged before

the public. No. The patriotic heart

of three million Democratic voters in

this nation answers, No.

If new issues should be developed

necessitating a new party, under the

name of Conservative, Liberal, or any-

thing else, we might or might not

yield to an enthusiastic support; but if

we fight under the Democratic banner,

and our Democratic suffrage, let us

use that name.

As we are Democrats. For one we

feel proud of its name—we feel inspired

by its principles, and glory in its

history. We feel that victory will

come only under our leaders, bear its

banner proudly, and defend it as in the

old days of its name.

If we are Democrats in the advocacy

of principles, there is no sense in a

mere change of name. The most pro-

gressive can now find no fault with

the old party, while the old Bourbon

loves it as the last anchor of his

political hopes. The prejudices which

attach to it in the hearts of many

old political opponents, and in certain

sections, must be overcome by time,

argument, and reason. The honest

and equitable rulings of our party

wherever it has power must and will

dispel all these objections. Those

who sigh for a new party to take its

place deserve themselves. Think of

Credit Mobiliers.

An examination of the books of the

Union Pacific Railroad Company dis-

covers the astounding fact that the

actual profits of the Credit Mobili-

ers amount to \$42,825,329.34. This

enormous sum has been filched from

the Government through the corrupt

contract entered into by the projectors

of the Union Pacific Company. This

important disclosure will fix the fact more

strongly than ever in the public mind

that the corruption of Congress has

been more extensive and disgraceful

than the development up to this time

has shown. There are many ad-

ditional circumstances which go to

sustain this conclusion.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.—The

question of the approaching legislative

session was quite animated Monday

last. Several prospective candidates were

on hand, and the understanding generally

obtained, that announcements and

speechmaking would be indulged in, but

his Honor, Judge Boon, perhaps not

aware of such ambitious designs, pro-

hibited the session of court to an hour

too late for the aspirants.

This is a true country, and every

American citizen has the right to stand

for office, without hindrance or dicta-

tion. Hence, we are to have a full

field, and we doubt not a vigorous

and interesting canvass.

First, we are authorized to announce

that the Hon. J. B. Boon, who has

been a member of the House of Repre-

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On Legislation.

The absence of proceeding of the

Kentucky Legislature in these columns

since the present session, is attributable

solely to the fact that nothing of any

general interest has been done. The

honorable body has so many measures

of vast and momentous importance be-

fore it, that progress is slow. Local

legislation, none of which affect this

section, is now all being accomplished

The indications are that the present

session will be protracted until in

March, and a proposition is now pend-

ing to have a called session in May,

on the pretext of considering the re-

vision of the Statutes. If so, we will

have a protracted session.

Congress.

The every day proceedings of Con-

gress are obscured by the interest at

tending the various Corruption Inves-

tigating Committees, both in the Senate

and House. Monstrous corruptions

are known to exist, and in some in-

stances are proven under solemn oath.

No body has been expelled yet, and it

is reasonably doubtful if any will be.

The members guilty appear to outnum-

ber the innocent members, and so

"whitewash" will be the order.

The Louisiana Committee pro-

nounce both the Grant and Greeley

returns fraudulent, and recommend

that the electoral vote be not counted.

THE members from the Mississippi

Valley are making a strong fight for

\$50,000,000, but with little hope of

success.

THE AMEND.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 3, 1873.

Editor Courier.—I have just re-

ceived and read the Courier of this

day's date, containing my letter dated

the 4th inst.

In that portion of my letter relative

to the canvass for Mayor of Paducah,

what I intended to say was, that he

is a gentleman of "very doubtful po-

litical antecedents." In other respects,

I know nothing of his antecedents.

So far as Mr. Braxton's department

as a gentleman is concerned, since he

has been living in Paducah, or his in-

tegrity as a business man, he stands

as fair as any man in the city.

Personally I like him, and am very

far from wishing to do him injury.

But I abhor his politics, and if he be-

comes a candidate for Mayor, shall use

every honorable means to defeat him.

He may never see your paper, nor

own personal correspondence, and I

will not write him, but I will write

to him in my letter, but it is due to

myself and to your readers, as well as

to Mr. Braxton, that this correction

shall be made.

Yours, &c. SALUST.

Mutiny Brewing at Washin-

gton.

It is shrewdly expected by close

observers in Washington that there is

not perfect unity between the talking

men at the upper end and the silent

men at the lower end of Pennsylvania

avenue, that is to say, the latter are

not all of one mind. The Nation has

been a good thing. The Nation has

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